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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides a method for accelerating multiplication of an elliptic curve point $Q(x,y)$ by a scalar k , the method comprising the steps of selecting an elliptic curve over a finite field F_q where q is a prime power such that there exists an endomorphism Ψ , where $\Psi(Q)=\lambda.Q$ for all points $Q(x,y)$ on the elliptic curve; and using smaller representations k_i of the scalar k in combination with the mapping Ψ to compute the scalar multiple of the elliptic curve point Q .

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